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SUBJECT: WIRE SERVICE COVERAGE OF UNESCO CONFERENCE
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1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF AP, UPI, REUTERS WIRE SERVICE COVERAGE OF CONFERENCE FOR DATES INDICATED. EMPHASIS CONTINUES ON MASS MEDIA DECLARATION AND ISRAELI MEMBERSHIP QUESTION, BUT OTHER ISSUES BEGINNING TO SURFACE.

2. MASS MEDIA DECLARATION: PRESS FREEDOM COMMITTEE (BEEBE) QUOTED SAYING "THE CHOICE IS TO RESIST THIS EFFORT TO ERODE A FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOM OR ALLOW LARGE AREAS OF THE WORLD TO DRIFT INTO AUTHORITARIANISM AND
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DICTATORSHIP" (AP, UPI). ON OTHER HAND, SUDAN CLAIMED

"CERTAIN COUNTRIES ARE RUNNING AN UNJUST CAMPAIGN AGAINST UNESCO, USING NEWS MEDIA WHICH ARE DOMINATED BY THE ZIONISTS" (UPI). SOVIET UNION "HIGHLY RESTRAINED", (PETER KAYSER, REUTERS) STATING ONLY THAT DECLARATION WOULD "PROMOTE THE STRENGTHENING OF PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY" (REUTERS). SENIOR

UNESCO OFFICIAL QUOTED AS SATISFIED THAT WHILE DELEGATES NOT AVOIDING DIFFERENCES THERE WAS DISCERNIBLE WILL TO REACH CONSENSUS ON ALL ISSUES (REUTERS).

3. ISRAELI MEMBERSHIP: BY A 68-0-14 VOTE IN THE POLITICAL COMMISSION NOV. 3 (AP, REUTERS), THE SOVIETS FAILED TO BLOCK PROPOSAL ENABLING ISRAEL TO JOIN EUROPEAN REGION. VOTE WAS ON EXECUTIVE BOARD PROPOSAL THAT EVERY MEMBER STATE HAS RIGHT AND DUTY TO TAKE PART IN THE ORGANIZATION'S REGIONAL ACTIVITIES. PROPOSAL WHICH ALSO ALLOWS STATES TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN REGION OF THEIR CHOICE NOW GOES TO PLENARY FOR FINAL VOTE. USSR NOT EXPECTED TO RAISE FURTHER OBJECTIONS (REUTERS).

4. OTHER ISSUES: ISRAELI EXCAVATIONS IN JERUSALEM SUBJECT OF COMMENTS BY SUDAN (ISRAEL SHOULD BE BARRED FROM UNESCO MEETINGS UNTIL IT RESPECTED ORGANIZATION'S RESOLUTIONS) AND EGYPT ("GRAVE CRIMES COMMITTED IN JERUSALEM") (REUTERS).

TUNISIA AND EGYPT FURTHER ATTACKED STATES FAILING TO PAY CONTRIBUTIONS (REUTERS).

CHINA ASSERTED THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES MAIN FORCE AGAINST IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM, AND HEGEMANISM; AFRICA NOW RESOUNDING WITH "SPRING THUNDERS" OF REVOLUTION (REUTERS). ALGERIA DECLARED RHODESIAN "RACIST ARMED FORCES ARE MASSACRING DEFENSELESS CIVILIANS" IN MOZAMBIQUE (REUTERS); DEMANDED THE CONFERENCE CONDEMN THE "AGRESSION" (REUTERS).

5. REGARDING REFTEL C. TO DATE, THERE HAS BEEN NO COVERAGE OF THE CONFERENCE BY TV STATIONS MONITORED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BY THE DEPARTMENT. NO REFERENCE HAS BEEN MADE TO SUS INTERVIEW.

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